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Make Davenport greater on Tuesday

Davenport is winding up for another bold pitch and your support would come in handy at home plate.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, Iowa's Great Places committee visits as part of their mission to determine which three Iowa communities deserve the full-force of state support (that means cash) to encourage folks to live and visit. The City of Davenport has quite a winging planned.

First, they'll be ushered through the Figge Art Museum, downtown's new River Renaissance centerpiece. They'll see a short, new video extolling the city's growth, then begin a short tour to see highlights first-hand. On the skywalk, they'll greet costumed aldermen at-large Steve Ahrens and Jamie Howard posing as Mr. and Mrs. Anton LeClaire delivering a short Davenport history lesson. From there, the Great Places reps can see how the last Vision Iowa projects transformed the downtown. And they'll get a look at how another partnership with the state can do more. Then they'll walk through the River Music Experience courtyard and museum, encountering performing Quad-City arts groups along the way.

All of those new amenities look terrific. They'll look even

better filled with Quad-Citians who support what's happened downtown.

Community support is what Great Places is all about. That's what built Davenport's River Renaissance. And if Davenport demonstrates enough support, here's what's in store with help through the Great Places initiative:

The Crossings, a park to commemorate the first Mississippi Bridge near Federal and River Drive.

Phase 1 of RiverVision, including development of Centennial Park and greening up of the parking lots left

behind when the Rhythm City moves 100 yards upriver.

Streetscape improvements on River Drive.

A major boost in Davenport's program for renovating vacant inner-city homes.

Some help for the Bucktown arts building renovation.

A water taxi and trolley.

Joint marketing with Illinois so Quad-Cities tourism can make a big splash in the Chicago area.

Please join us, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday around the Figge, on the skywalk, in the River Music Experience and adjoining courtyard to show Iowa's Great Places reps that an investment in our community is money well spent.

DETAILS

Great Places visit

When: 5-6 p.m., Tuesday

Where: Downtown Davenport, around the Figge Art Museum, skywalk and River Music Experience.

Why: To show community support to visiting members of the Great Places committee.